

# *Proclamation*

## *by Governor Joe Manchin III*

**Whereas,** personal and household savings is fundamental to America's stability and vitality; and,

**Whereas,** adequate emergency savings, retirement funds, and safe debt-income ratios are critical components of personal financial security; and,

**Whereas,** personal financial security of Service Members is a crucial aspect of military readiness; and,

**Whereas,** Military Saves is a national marketing campaign to persuade, encourage and motivate Service Members and their families to take financial action in building wealth through saving money and reducing debt; and,

**Whereas,** the West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety, West Virginia Auditor's Office and the West Virginia National Guard are partners in the America Saves campaign and are committed to helping Service Members take immediate financial action to build wealth, not debt;

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 22- March 1, 2009*, as:

### *Military Saves Week*

in the Mountain State and urge all West Virginia Service Members and their families to set a personal savings or debt-reduction goal, make a simple savings plan or take another positive wealth building action during Military Saves Week, and pledge to sustain that action throughout the year.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nine, and in the One Hundred Forty-sixth year of the state.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Manchin III".

*Joe Manchin III*  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Natalie E. Tennant".

*Natalie E. Tennant*  
Secretary of State